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SUBJ: CALL FOR INTERVENTION IN PDRY

1. YAR FONMIN ASNAJ CALLED ME IN AT 1715 PM LOCAL TIME 26 JUNE TO SAY, RIGHT AWAY, AT BEGINNING OF INTERVIEW, THAT HE PLANS CALL ON SAUDIS AND OMANIS TO JOIN YAR IN INTERVENTION IN SOUTH YEMEN. HE SAID THIS IS TIME, WHEN FIGHTING GOING ON. WE WILL GIVE ASSURANCES, HE SAID, OF WITHDRAWAL, PROMISE UNITS ALONG BORDERS CASH AND SAFETY, GUARANTEE BORDERS OF PDRY AFTERWARDS. "WE MUST THROW SOVIETS OUT OF YAR NOW," HE SAID, "AND THROW THEM OUT OF SOUTH AS WELL."

2. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT SAUDIS HAVE NOT RPT NOT BEEN IN TOUCH WITH YAR ABOUT THIS AND HE HAD NOT RPT NOT YET GOTTEN IN TOUCH WITH THEM. HE HAD BEVEN BEEN UNABLE TO CONTACT SAUDI MILATT HUDDAYAN WHO TIED UP WITH DELEGATION -- INCLUDING SAUDI CHIEF OF STAFF -- HERE FOR FUNERAL. HOWEVER, HE SAID HE WAS SURE IN WAKE GHASHMI MURDER, THAT YEMENI OFFICERS WOULD FOLLOW SAUDIS AGAINST SOUTH.

3. HE SAYS HE NOW BELIEVES THAT SALEM RUBAYYA

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ALI DID INTEND TO SEND MESSAGE TO GHASHMI, AN "SOS" WHICH WOULD WARN THEM OF MOVES AFOOT AGAINST HIM AND YAR. HIS EFFORT WAS DISCOVERED, AND ABD AL FATTAH'S GROUP SUBSTITUTED SOMEHOW ANOTHER MAN OR ANOTHER BRIEFCASE. WE WILL POINT OUT TO WHOLE ARAB WORLD, SAID ASNAJ, HOW SOVIETS KILLED TWO CHIEFS OF STATE IN THEIR AMBITIONS TO CONTROL THIS REGION.

COMMENT: ASNAJ, WHO NOT YET IN TOUCH WITH SAUDIS,
MAY NOT HAVE AUTHORITY OF HIS GOVERNMENT TO TAKE THIS
FAR-REACHING STEP. HE MAY NOT RPT NOT ACT AT ALL, AND TO JUDGE
BY HIS EXPRESSION AT 1800, WHEN ADEN RADION ANNOUNCED
SALEM HAD REBELLED, BEEN CRUSHED AND STRIPPED OF HIS POSTS,
MOMENT MAY BE PASSING ALTHOUGH ASNAJ SAYS FIGHTING
THERE IS CONTINUING IN ADEN AND SPREADING TO OUTLYING MILITARY
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